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In re Application of

Brenda Lynn Dietrich et al

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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SET OF WINNING BIDS IN A
COMBINATORIAL AUCTION

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for executing a combinatorial auction, the method comprising:

reading input data comprising:

a plurality of items;

a player bidding on the items; and

a plurality of bids, where each bid specifies the player bidding, the amount bid, and

the list of items included in the bid;